

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, We are here today to express special recognition to Rick Murray, who will retire on March 25, 2017, after serving 37 distinguished years with Regency Hotel Management/Ramkota Hotel; and,

*Whereas*, Rick was born in DeSmet, South Dakota, and being the son of a military father, he moved to many places where he learned the importance of honesty and hard work; and,

*Whereas*, During high school, Rick began his hospitality career cooking at the Dairy Queen in Winner, South Dakota, and he later moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and sold vacuum cleaners and cooked at the Downtown Holiday Inn, and in 1977, Rick was hired as the chef at the Aberdeen, South Dakota, Ramkota Hotel, and after a short departure from the company, Rick returned to management for Regency in 1983, working in Watertown, South Dakota, and eventually returning to Aberdeen, and in 1987, Rick moved to Pierre, South Dakota, and became the General Manager at the Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center; and,

*Whereas*, Rick's dedication to the Ramkota Hotel is unquestionable, and his willingness to put the company first has never wavered, and his ability to blend the demands of being the biggest hotelier/businessman in a Capital City with having to be a sportsman for an equally popular hunting and fishing market, takes a very special person; and,

*Whereas*, Rick has been a member of the South Dakota Hotel & Lodging Association, Pierre Business Improvement District Board, Pierre Chamber of Commerce, and Regional Governor for Best Western; and,

*Whereas*, Rick is devoted to his wife, Vicki; sons, Jason and Jarod; daughter-in-law, Dani; and granddaughter, Jaelynn; and,

*Whereas*, Rick has displayed the highest example of character, ethics, morals, and unselfish service and will be missed both professionally and as a friend, therefore, it is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan:

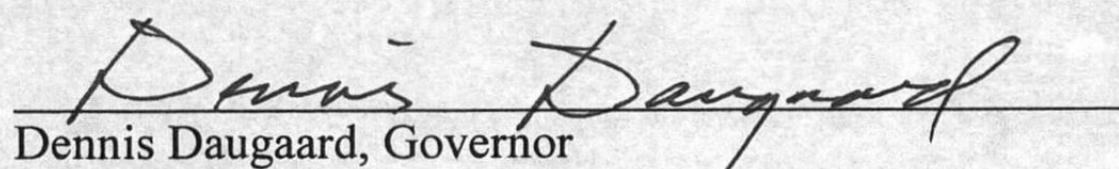
*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 25, 2017, as

## ***RICK MURRAY DAY***

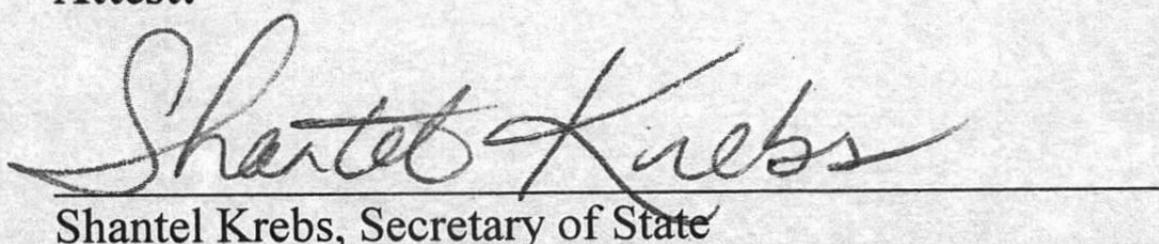
in South Dakota, and I join his family, friends, and colleagues, as they gather on March 21, 2017, to offer Rick best wishes for a long, healthy, happy, and enjoyable retirement.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

  
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State